

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1875.

In the last '76, the people drove out the British, king and all, and in the next '76 they will drive out the Yankees, Grant and all.—N. Y. Sun.

SINCE the election in November five persons then elected to the House of Representatives of this State die—three Democrats and two Republicans. The vacancies have now been filled—four by Democrats, a gain of one.

Now then Ben Butler lets the eat out of the political bag when he hardly intends to. In the heat debate on the Civil Rights Bill he said: "The reason why we desire to have the Civil Rights Bill passed is because we are passing from power."

Of the several daily papers in New York that supported the Republican party when it came into power, six are now outspoken in their anti-Republi- can sentiments and the seventh man- fests a very weak attachment to the party in power.

VICTORIA WOODHULL is out with a letter declaiming in strong terms that neither the plaintiff nor defendant in the Beecher case dare subserve her, though she is willing to testify. She alleges that she can throw light on the whole question, which both parties fear.

BLAINE AND BUTLER.—A "Pur- pose." During the progress of one of the roll calls on the Force Bill in the House at Washington on Saturday, Speaker Blaine, having called John Cessna to the chair, "took a position before the tall clerk, Ben Butler, who approached the desk and was also looking at the list, when a point of order was made that under the rule a member could not beat the desk while the roll was being called. Governor Butler in- sultingly replied that he had as much right to be there as the Speaker had.

The remark aroused the latter in a second, and taking the gavel from Mr. Cessna he resumed the chair and wanted to know what Butler meant by that remark, at the same time asserting that as he had no regular seat assigned him he had a right to go where he pleased on the floor. Butler tried to make a point of order, but it was not entertained.

Putting Mr. Cessna again in the chair, the Speaker resumed his former position at the clerk's desk, seeing which Butler, who had gone back to his seat, returned to his former position, and the two stood there glaring at each other until another point of order was made, when Butler returned to his seat.

John Cessna in the chair, and the Speaker and Ben Butler shaking him and making mouths at each other! What a picture to be seen in a lawmaking body for a great nation! Verily the days of statesmanship are not over.

The Democratic party in Congress does not like Grant, but it does not fold the arms of its party, and it is taking the back track. He now says he only sent in the message to call the attention of the Senate to it. He would have the same excuse for a message on Pennsylvania affairs. The people see in it a man of the boldest character, a threat to employ the baneful to over- turn another State Government.

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THE President's Arkansas message is public notification that the third-term campaign is fairly opened. Every Republi- can in Congress who has half the brains sufficient to justify him in being the know who is meant by this Arkansas message and the bill proposed in accordance with it. The responsibility of approving or condemning this third-term in Arkansas is already but heavily laid upon Congress. The responsibility cannot be shirked. What does the Republi- can majority in Congress propose to do about it?—World.

We are in receipt of "The World," for 1875. It is a valuable book of reference for the business man or politician. Besides the calendar for the year, it contains a vast amount of valuable statistics, with reference to important events, election returns of all the States, lists of members of Congress, present rates of postage, &c., &c. For sale to news dealers generally. Or, send 25 cents to "The World," No. 35 Park Row, New York, and receive a copy.

NEWS AND OTHER BREVIES.

Gen. Butler goes to Europe next summer. Some say he will stay there.

None of the Senators who voted to impeach President Johnson are dead and twelve remain to serve with him in the Senate.

The capital of West Virginia is to be removed to Wheeling.

These Indiana county blacksmiths recently shod and drove 250 horses in one day.

THE FORCE BILL.

LETTERS FROM HARRISBURG.

HARRISBURG, March 3, 1875.

Editor Compiler: Last night witnessed the usual weekly fight between the two parties in the House as to whether or business should be proceeded with, or whether the time of the people should be wasted in a frivolous manner. The Republicans in the House seem like a team of mules which needs breaking regularly once a week.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the State Treasury. They fought it to a Democratic stand, and resorted to every conceivable stratagem to defeat the measure, but were finally cut off by the previous question. Having nothing else left them, the Republicans refused to vote. This brought on a call of the House, and 152 gentlemen answered to their names. A question was put, which caused the most trifling squirming and wriggling over some in a legislative body. They tried points of order, asked to be excused from voting, motions to adjourn, and so on, on all which the Honorable Spencer stood firm as the rock of Gibraltar. That solution was adopted.

The question now is, if the affairs of the State Treasury have been honestly administered, why fight so hard to stave off investigation? And why should Bob Mackay show such unusual interest in the defeat of the inquiry as to be consistently on the floor of the House butchering members to vote against the resolution? It looks as though he was afraid to allow daylight into the vaults of the Treasury.

The friends of Local Option made a hard fight in the House this morning, which developed a strange state of things. Men who are and drink whisky denounced in abusive terms the members to repeat, whilst sober, constituents, sensible, temperance men advanced and voted for repeal. The bill passed by 125 to 51. It now goes to the Senate, where it is anticipated it will pass also, and receive the Governor's signature. This, however, is a debatable question; and I think it will not happen.

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